

Judgment, Discretion, Will, with all the rest of them, and pass an exclusion act against those hurtful habits, those unwise affections, those dangerous impulses which are sneaking in to your life and undermining your character.

Restitution

An unknown man recently returned \$2100 conscience money to a Cincinnati insurance company. He had gotten his money by representing that he was dead, a statement which at the time was a fact in regard to his spiritual nature. But he seems to have come to life spiritually, or at least morally, and then of course the money had to go back to its rightful owners. An incident like that, and they occur almost every day, ought to shut the mouth of every blatherskiting infidel in creation who denies the beneficent and wholesome influence of religion on the human heart and character. The glow of our Christian religion is that it is endowed with a divine potency which will make a thoroughly good man out of a thoroughly bad one, and in that fact lies its distinction above all other so-called religions.

Smashing the Saloons

Mother Nation seems to be creating quite a sensation and making lots of botheration in her saloon smashing operation out in Kansas. Her methods are radical and perhaps revolutionary, but what are you going to do about it? Kansas has a prohibitory law which the officers of the State have neglected or refused to enforce, and so the saloons go right on grinding out depravity and damnation as if there was neither law nor gospel. The men are indifferent and inefficient, they do not seem to have manhood enough to see that the law of the land is respected, and there is nothing left but that the women, always the worst sufferers by the saloon, should take matters into their own hands. While it is doubtless improbable that the evil will be entirely extirpated by Mrs. Nation's smashing crusade, it is not improbable that she will succeed in arousing the conscience of the State, provided always that a state has a conscience to arouse. She will at least succeed in jabbing the sleepy conscience of the church people out there, and even that would be sufficient to oust the saloon by inducing a general enforcement of the law. Revolutions are necessary sometimes, and when a community hasn't sufficient moral stamina to enforce a good law, the time has arrived for a revolution, an earthquake, or some other kind of a judgment day.

Report of the Ecumenical Missionary Conference

The report of the Ecumenical Missionary Conference, held in New York City, in the early spring of 1900, is issued in two large volumes of about 500 pages each. Commendation is superfluous. It is, and will long remain one of the most valuable compendiums of missionary intelligence. Every contribution is by an expert; most of them are by men and women of world wide renown. The report gives impressive evidence of the immensity and the variety of missionary work, and of the great ability, the statesmanship, with which it is conducted. Every phase of the missionary problem is discussed, and the two volumes now is-

sued containing the report will be indispensable to the missionary library of minister, laymen and all other Christian workers. They are a missionary library in themselves. They conclude with missionary statistics, a valuable missionary bibliography prepared by Rev. Harlan P. Beach, and a thorough index. The books are for sale by the Brethren Publication Board at \$1.50 for the two volumes, with the usual discount to ministers and theological students. We shall be glad to supply them, and trust that a large number will be purchased by our people. The books are remarkably cheap at the price. It was the object of the publishers to make the price so as to bring them within reach of everybody and they have succeeded.

Ashland College Endowment

For several weeks we have kept before our people, and have emphasized thru these columns, the importance of an enlarged endowment for Ashland College. This we have done, and are still doing, and hope to continue to do, because within our own self, deep down in our very soul, we feel that the paramount duty of the Brethren church at this period of her history is the immediate enlargement of the present endowment fund to \$25,000. It will require but \$10,000 more as the sum already exceeds \$15,000. We still hope to get responses to our appeal of last week for ten men who will each take a pledge for \$1000. What better could one do for the cause of Christian education in the Brethren church, the strengthening and increasing the efficiency of its ministry, enlarging its borders, and thru this channel, in a small degree at least, advance the kingdom of God on the earth? What better, we say, could one do? There is scarcely a limit to the far reaching influence and power for good, of a Christian institution of learning if adequately endowed so as not to be hampered in its life and activity by lack of funds. It is probably true that the mass of the people, even in the church, have no conception of the real meaning of the denominational college as a center of spiritual influence, light and knowledge; they do not understand the vital relation a Christian school, under the auspices of the church, sustains to the progress, the growth and development of all the departments of Christian life and activity, foreign and domestic. If it were possible for the church to realize what an immediate endowment of \$25,000 or \$50,000 for Ashland College would mean in ten years from now, if with its educational work well established today, the church could, in a prospective vision, see itself at the close of the first decade of the twentieth century, as it then *would* be, rejoice in its young men preaching the blessed gospel of the Son of God in spirit and in power, see its borders enlarge, feel the wave of spiritual influence, missionary zeal and enthusiasm, born in this center of Christian education, go out far beyond the present limits of the brotherhood, it may be, perhaps, to the ends of the earth; if, we say, the church could at this time, take a comprehensive view of ten years' work of a well endowed and well equipped Christian school, and realize what such a school means to the church, we could raise the \$25,000 in two weeks, and the \$50,000 in four weeks' time. We shall have more to say about this in our next issue. Look for it on first page—the subject is growing in interest and importance as new light falls upon it.